

9.] [THE SOUL OF MAN.] *NOSCE*
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Then let us praise that Ppwer, which makes us
be Men, as we are! and rest contented so !
And knowing man's fall was Curiosity,,
Admire GOD's counsels I which we cannot
know*

And let us know that GOD, the Maker is Of all
the Souls, in all the men that be ! Yet their
corruption is no fault of His; But the first
man's, that broke GOD's first decree!

This Substance, and this Spirit, of God's own
making, why the Is in the Body placed, and
planted there : umtld to ^{That both of} GOD, and
of the world partaking; the Body. Qf all that
is, Man might the Image bear!

GOD, first, made Angels ! bodiless pure minds!
Then, other things, which mindless bodies
be ! Last, He made Man, the Horizon
'twixt both kinds! In whom, we do the
World's Abridgement see.

Besides ! This world below did need
one wight, Which might thereof,
distinguish every part; Make use
thereof, and take therein delight;
And order things with industry and
Art.

Which, also, GOD, might (in His works)
admire,
And here, beneath, yield Him both prayer
and praise; As there, above, the holy
Angels' Quire Doth spread His glory, with
spiritual lays.

Lastly, the brute unreasonable wights^
Did want a Visible King, on them to
reign; And GOD Himself, thus to the
world unites, That so the world
might endless bliss obtain!

But how shall we this Union well express ?
Nought ties the Soul, her subtilty is
such 1 She moves the body, which She
doth possess; Yet no part toucheth, but
by virtue's touch I